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NEW USES OF SPICES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Spices Board is supporting innovative research for discovery of new uses of spices;

(b) if so, the institutes which are being tied up with the Spices Board;

(c) whether the Spices Board has asked these institutes to enquire into the medicinal value of the spices available in India;

(d) if so the spices which have been identified for research into their medicinal value; and

(e) the details of this new programme of the Spices Board?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (e) : Spices Board has entered into Memorandum of Understanding with Research Institutes for supporting specific research projects leading to new uses of spices like medicinal, nutritional, pharmaceutical and nutraceutical values of spices. The institutes are Nagarjuna Research Foundation, Thodupuzha, Kerala; International Institute of Ayurveda, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu; Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Lucknow, UP; National Institute for Nutrition, Hyderabad; Kerala Ayurveda Pharmacy Limited, Alwaye, Kerala; M/s Sami Laboratory, Bangalore, Karnataka.The major spices identified for the research into their medicinal values are - ginger, garlic, ajowain, cinnamon, fenugreek, turmeric and pepper. A revolving fund is set up for grant of interest free loan for promoting research on product development jointly by UNDP and Spices Board.